

# THE WEEKLY RECORD.

## WASHINGTON.

From a statement prepared by the land office showing the disposal of public lands for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, it appears that the cash sales amounted to \$1,737,737.77; value, \$10,302,951. The original homestead entries included 7,831,509 acres; final homestead entries, 2,645,374 acres; and timber-land entries, 4,084,403 acres. The miscellaneous disposals aggregated \$5,000,219.35, including \$3,653,124 acres of railroad lands for which \$1,200,410 was received. The aggregate number of acres of land disposed of in all cases, excluding final homestead entries, was 36,834,041 and aggregate receipts, \$11,838,000. This is an increase of the disposal of public lands for the fiscal year 1883-84 of 101,137 acres, and \$1,075,221. Indian lands for the amount of 67,128 acres, which sold for \$638,137, are not included in the foregoing totals. In the amount of land disposed of during the fiscal year, Dakota is far in the lead of all other territories, with 11,092,515 acres; Nebraska second, with 3,105,851 acres; Minnesota third, with 1,645,468 acres; Louisiana fourth, with 1,537,210 acres (over 1,000,000 acres being to railroads); Kansas fifth, with 1,378,011 acres; California sixth, with 1,112,455 acres; and Washington territory seventh, with 1,093,733 acres. The remaining states and territories disposed of less than one million acres each. Of the 11,000,000 acres disposed of in Dakota, nearly 5,000,000 acres were taken under railroad grants.

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